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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Previously Presented). A method as set forth in claim 21, wherein the substance that acts on guanylyl cyclase A natriuretic peptide receptor and accelerates production of cyclic guanosine monophosphate is a natriuretic peptide.

Claim 9 (Original). A method as set forth in claim 8, wherein the natriuretic peptide is brain natriuretic peptide.

Claim 10 (Original). A method as set forth in claim 8, wherein the natriuretic peptide is brain natriuretic peptide.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended). A method as set forth in claim ~~6~~ 8, wherein said substance is in a form of a pharmacologically acceptable salt.

Claims 12-20 (Canceled).

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**Claim 21 (Currently Amended) A method for treatment of ~~chronic heart failure by~~  
~~reducing cardiac dysfunction which produces~~ pulmonary congestion, ~~which method does~~  
~~not based on produce~~ diuretic and hypotensive effects comprising administering a substance  
that acts on guanylyl cyclase A natriuretic peptide receptor and accelerates production of  
cyclic guanosine monophosphate to a subject in need of such treatment in an amount  
effective for reducing pulmonary congestion, wherein said amount does not produce  
diuretic and hypotensive effects.**

**Claims 22-29 (Canceled).**